

REPORT OF THE GILMAN MUSEUM

The Museum first opened its doors to the public in 1975. It contained an extensive collection of various antiques given to the Town of Alton by Harold and Pearl Gilman. Other donations have been added to this collection over the years.

Until 2002 the collection was on exhibit in what is know as “Open Storage”.

In the years that followed the Museum was completely renovated; and Florence Davis, a professional museum consultant, was hired. The exhibits changed to reflect the on going programs. The Museum hosted special events, workshops and lectures, as well as community outreach programs.

The museum collection has been cataloged in an accession record. This is a permanent record that lists and identifies each item with a specific number in chronological order, field description, donor, address, and date of acquisition, the value, and name of the person doing the accessioning. Every item is marked with its number in an inconspicuous place. Textiles have a cotton tag sewn onto the back, and furniture marking employs a number of different ways of attaching a number. We would like to thank Florence for the work and dedication that she has provided on behalf of the Museum.

We thank all those who participated in our programs; namely, the Gilman Library, Alton Central School, and the Historical Society this past year.

In the future the Selectmen will be looking at plans to ensure that the Museum will continue to be an integral part of the community.

Respectfully submitted,

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